

MEETING MINUTES

June 29, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bruce Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Julie Avera, Bruce Lewis, Laura Miller, Peter Meigs, and Michelle Ramirez

Absent: None

Also Present: Executive Secretary Clayton Lee, Lisa Faulkner of San Benito County First 5 Program and Robin Pollard

VERIFICATION OF AGENDA POSTING

Executive Secretary Lee informed the PRC that the agenda for the June 29, 2010 meeting of the PRC was posted at both the Hollister Community Center and City Hall on June 24, 2010 per Government Code Section 54954.5.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ramirez made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2010 PRC meeting. Second by Commissioner Meigs. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robin Pollard stated that she is back from vacation and missed visiting with the PRC the last several months.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Brigantino/Riverside Park Development Project** – Executive Secretary Lee informed the Commission that the access road has been graded and the 800 tons of base rock will be placed on the access road next week. Fencing of the center natural vegetation area is in progress and fencing around the water wells will begin within several weeks. Staff met with Eric Overeen, M.S., owner of NH3 Service Company regarding the process of liquid fertilization, or fertigation, for the turf at the park. The first application will be applied within the next two weeks. This would involve a heavy dose of nitrogen based liquid fertilizer injected through the irrigation system. Staff is still waiting for further information from PG & E regarding the undergrounding of the power lines at the park. Executive Secretary Lee stated that they are trying to get things to a point where we can open the park this summer.

2. **Development Of Off Leash Dog Park In Hollister** – Executive Secretary Lee informed the PRC that staff the group has not meet recently. Lee informed the PRC that Tammy Ballew of HDOG had submitted a video for a contest through Beneful Dog Food Company that will award a community \$500,000 for the construction of a dog park. Lee stated that the video was very creative and hoped the application is competitive. Chairperson Lewis said he also thought the video was very good and appreciates Ms. Ballew's dedication to the project. Lewis expressed his concern about some of the statements that were made in the video regarding HDOG's ownership of the park site and some of the proposed amenities. City staff, the PRC subcommittee and HDOG representatives will continue to work on the design and layout of the park.
4. **Healthy People Healthy Places Grant Application Update** – Lisa Faulkner of First 5 San Benito County, notified the PRC that the application that had been submitted for the Dunne Park improvements through the Health Trust has made the top 3 applications. Of the 3 applications, 2 will be funded in the amount of \$200,000 each. Ms. Faulkner reported that the City Council adopted a Resolution of Support at the June 28, 2010 Special Meeting of the City Council. She also informed the PRC that there will be a site visit by the Health Trust on Friday July 2, 2010 at 10 a.m. at Dunne Park. She said there may be some issues related to some of the capital improvement portions of the grant application that may be difficult to fund. Ms. Faulkner will keep the PRC informed as more information is available.
5. **Hill Street Road Construction** – Executive Secretary Lee stated that the reconstruction of Hill Street is 95% complete and is still on task to be completed by the end of June 2010. Lee added that the rental at the park on the 4th of July weekend should not be impacted by the remaining work to be completed. The project included reconstructing the street, addition of sidewalks, curb and gutter, and drainage.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **FY 2010-11 Budget** – Executive Secretary Lee provided the PRC with a summary of the Parks, Recreation and Veterans' Memorial Building budgets for FY 2010-11 which is being considered for adoption by the City Council on July 6, 2010. Lee informed the PRC that the budgets that were provided included an additional 12.5% reduction at the request of the City Manager in an attempt to balance the budget. Lee provided a review of the budget and asked the PRC to contact him if he had any questions.
2. **July Is Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation** - Executive Secretary Lee provided a copy of the July Is Parks and Recreation Month proclamation that was created by the California Parks and Recreation Society. Lee requested that the proclamation be approved by the PRC and recommended for City Council adoption. Commissioner

Ramirez made a motion to recommend approval by the City Council at the July 2010 Is Parks and Recreation Month proclamation. Second by Commissioner Miller. Motion passed 5 – 0. Executive Secretary Lee will agendize this item for consideration by the City Council at their July 6, 2010 meeting.

3. **Vets Park Large Field Conflicts With Hollister Tremors** – Executive Secretary Lee informed the PRC that an item was recently discussed at the San Benito County Parks and Recreation Commission regarding conflicts between use of the Veterans' Memorial Park Large Softball Field and the Tremors Soccer Fields. Apparently what had happened was a use in the Fall of 2009 had resulted in softballs being hit over the outfield fence and into the soccer fields where there was a youth tournament taking place. Recreation Supervisor Tina Garza had attended the County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting when this was being discussed. The City does not use the softball field on the weekend for regular league play. Additionally, any tournaments that the City sponsors has strict controls over the number of balls that can be hit over the fence. If the facility is not scheduled through the City Recreation Division office, then it is open use for the field and the City cannot control who is using the facility. Items that were discussed were coordinated scheduling of activities so that adult tournaments/use are not happening on the same days as youth soccer tournaments, creating a buffer zone between fields, fly ball monitors and sanctioning of the types of bats that are used on the fields. This was an informational item for the PRC.
4. **Park of the Month** – Chairperson Lewis stated that the Veterans Memorial Building was the Park of the Month. There being no comments from the PRC, Executive Secretary Lee gave a brief history of the building and the City's involvement over the past 7 years.

REPORTS

1. **Recreation Program Review** – This item was tabled until the July 2010 meeting.
2. **Parks Division Review** – This item was tabled until the July 2010 meeting..

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the PRC, Commissioner Meigs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Second by Commissioner Avera. Motion passed 5-0.

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The next regular meeting of the PRC will be held on July 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clayton Lee, Executive Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission